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MEMORANDUM FOR: THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Meeting with the President, Thursday, 11 March 1976, 8:15 to 8:50 a.m.

Each of the items on the attached sheet were covered.

1. I talked to him about my European trip and told him that I would like to report to him when I get back on the state of play with our foreign intelligence services. I was somewhat worried about cooperation, not by the services, but by people abroad generally, and by the effect that the hearings may have had on our relationships, and though, officially, things were in good shape, there were some indications that some of those who have cooperated with us have been genuinely concerned. I told him [redacted] I would notify Brent if these visits materialized so that the State Department could be informed.

2. China: We talked about the need to get the information from Nixon. The matter was still rather dicey and tense. I showed him the cable [redacted] The President read the entire cable. I gave it to him to show that China was indeed trying to send a signal to us that they wanted good relations, etc. Following the meeting I had a discussion with Scowcroft and Buchen on Freedom of Information problems that relate to the release of the President's written report from Nixon. The report of the conversations can be classified, but there is some question as to Nixon's observations being classified. To all concerned I keep insisting that we get access to the information. The problem apparently is that Nixon will only talk to either Scowcroft, Kissinger, or me. Time will

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take care of this, and I suggested to Scowcroft that after we receive the written report, this would be a good peg on which to hang a visit to Nixon and we can get the matter back into foreign affairs channels and hopefully out of political controversy.

3. Israel: We discussed the separation and diversion issue. I warned the President that it could get political. [redacted] The President was concerned. No action called for.

4. Senate Hearings: I reported to him that my two hearings before the Appropriations Committee had gone pretty well.

5 Pike Flap: I assured him we wanted to low-key it--get it out of the papers and simply get the documents back. I made it very clear to him that Rogovin would never have said a statement like he was accused of, trying to "get Pike in his District." I told him that, in my view, Pike had changed very much, or at least was under great pressure over the leaked report, etc., so that he had changed now from the guy that he and I had worked with in the House. I assured him we were interested only in getting the documents back and that I would work with the Speaker and would not try to get this matter hypoed in any way.

6. I mentioned possible coups in Thailand, Argentina and Peru.

7. We talked about the building for the Intelligence Community Staff. We are honing in on the Selective Service building, although no decision has been made.

8. The President asked how I liked my job. I told him that I liked it very much, was getting good support, and that I felt the whole matter "would work." I told him that this might come as a surprise to him and that though I was obviously interested in the elections, that I found I was picking up the paper and looking at items of much more direct concern and only glancing at the political content of the paper. I'm not sure he believed this, but it is certainly true.

a. I told him these meetings were very, very important to the entire Intelligence Community. The President is relaxed and is always most gracious with his time, and interested.

George Bush
Director